

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract currently of record with the following new Abstract:

--A surface lighting device including, a surface light source in which light-emitting element groups having three light-emitting elements, which correspond to three primary colors of light, arranged to be contiguous with vertexes of a triangle are arranged in a matrix shape; a substrate on which the light-emitting element groups are arranged; and a diffusion plate which is located above the surface light source. The light-emitting element groups are arranged to be deviated every other column or row such that a positional relation among the light-emitting element groups is a delta shape. Additionally, a row interval, a column interval, and an arrangement angle of the light-emitting element groups are adjusted such that, when it is assumed that an average amount of light calculated from a sum of amounts of light of the single color light-emitting elements is 100%, a sum of amounts of light of the respective single color light-emitting elements at a center of gravity of the delta shape and a center of gravity of a diamond shape formed by two delta shapes is between 75% and 125%.--